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Dear Mr. Eddington,

Thank you for providing further clarification to support your request for expedited processing. To confirm, you are requesting expedited processing for the following:

(3)An urgent need to inform the public about an actual or alleged Federal Government activity (this applies only to those requests made by persons primarily engaged in disseminating information to the public)

You have demonstrated that you may be considered as "persons primarily engaged in disseminating information to the public" however we do not believe you have proven there is an **urgent need** to inform the public about the investigation of Richard Kotoshirodo for activities in support of Imperial Japan. As mentioned by Mr. Perosio, the fact that Kotoshirodo was investigated for spying for Japan is publicly known based on our research.

Therefore, I have concluded that the circumstances in this case do not warrant expedited processing. Based on this determination, your request will be placed in our regular processing queue. If you would like to close your case as a result of this response or if you have any questions regarding your request, please contact me directly at [john.perosio@nara.gov](mailto:john.perosio@nara.gov) or 301-837-0617. To notify this office of a change in your contact information or to track the status of your request, please telephone 301-837-3190 or e-mail [specialaccess\\_foia@nara.gov](mailto:specialaccess_foia@nara.gov).

If you are unable to resolve your dispute through our Public Liaison, the Office of Government Information Services (OGIS) is the federal FOIA ombudsman. OGIS offers mediation services to help resolve disputes between FOIA requesters and federal agencies. You may contact OGIS at the following address:

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Sincerely,  
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Exhibit H